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THE FOLLOWING SENT ACTION USDA/FAS FEBRUARY 21ST IS REPEATED

QUOTE

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FROM: AGATTACHE FOR STEVENSON/COTTON DIVISION/FCA

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN UK TEXTILE LABOR FORCE

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1. A CHECK WITH OUR CONTACTS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY CONFIRMS REPORTS THAT MORE THAN 8,000 WORKERS IN THE BRITISH COTTON AND ALLIED TEXTILES INDUSTRY FACE TEMPORARY LAY-OFF IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. NEARLY 6,000 OF THIS TOTAL ARE EMPLOYED BY THE COURTAULDS GROUP.

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2. OUR CONTACT AT COURTAULDS SAYS THAT 25 OF THE FIRM'S

SPINNING MILLS WILL CLOSE DOWN FOR A FULL WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 3. REPORTEDLY, ONLY ONE MILL IS TO BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY, PUTTING 350 WORKERS OUT OF JOBS.

3. APART FROM THE COURTAULDS CLOSURES, TEN OTHER MILLS EMPLOYING SLIGHTLY OVER 2,000 WORKERS WILL ALSO CLOSE TEMPORARILY. THIS ACTION, REPORTEDLY, IS BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE STOCKS -- OVER SUPPLY IS LIMITED TO LOW AND MEDIUM QUALITY TEXTILES. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, 12 MILLS HAVE CLOSED PERMANENTLY IN LANCASHIRE PUTTING CLOSE TO 3,000 EMPLOYEES, MOSTLY WOMEN, OUT OF WORK. AS MOST MILLS ARE INVOLVED IN BLENDING, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO EVALUATE THE EFFECT OF THESE ACTIONS UPON THE USE OF ONLY COTTON FIBER.

4. COMMENT: THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE UK TEXTILE INDUSTRY IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES. HOWEVER, ONE GETS THE FEELING WHEN TALKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE TRADE THAT SPECIAL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO REDUCE STOCKS, WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, HOPING INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT WILL FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND EFFORTS TO STOP IMPORTS OF CHEAP TEXTILES.

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